(e) if so, the details of the action taken/ proposed to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Pakistan Foreign Office has denied that there are any terrorist training camps in Pakistan.

(d) and (e) In the January 6,2004 Indo-Pak Joint Statement, Pakistan made a commitment not to permit any territory under its control to be used to support terrorism in any manner. In the Joint Statement made during the visit of President Musharraf on April 18,2005, both countries reaffirmed the commitments made in the Joint Press Statement of January 6,2004. However, Pakistan has so far not taken any significant action to dismantle the infrastructure of support to terrorism, such as communications, launching pads, training camps, funding, etc. Government have been keeping the international community sensitized on this aspect.

Relations with Sri Lanka

2575. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are giving an impression that it is more yielding rather than asserting our rights and sovereignty while negotiating and agreeing with neighbouring countries particularly with Sri Lanka including the issue of Katchatheevu;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Sri Lanka Government has raised certain environmental issues in respect of Sethu Samudram Canal Project suggesting joint monitoring; and

(c) the policy initiative of Government on this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) No, Sir. Katchativu Island lies on the Sri Lankan side of the India-Sri Lanka International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL). The IMBL was settled by a 1974 Agreement demarcating it in the Palk Straits and a subsequent Agreement in 1976 demarcating it in the Gulf of Mannar and Bay of Bengal. These agreements were subsequently laid before Parliament.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Government has agreed to an exchange of information with Sri Lanka on the environmental aspects of the Sethusamudram project. Sri Lankan experts have visited India twice for obtaining information on the issue and Sri Lankan concerns relating to environmental aspects of the project have been discussed. It has been agreed to have an arrangement for sharing relevant data which would enable them to assess and monitor the environmental impact of the project.

Fund allocation for a school in Nepal

2576. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has agreed to provide Rs. 8 million for the construction of a school in Nepal's Udaypur district;

(b) whether Government have signed any Memorandum of Understanding in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (c) Government of India has agreed to support the construction of a school building, science lab., library and meeting hall of the Ambebar Janata Secondary School, Rajbas, Trijuga Municipality in district Udaypur of Nepal with GOI grant assistance of NRs. 1,28,07,803/-(IR. 80.04 lakh). A Memorandum of Understanding was signed on May 13, 2005 between Embassy of India, Kathandu, District Development Committee, Udayapur and the Ambebar Janata Secondary School, Rajbas, Trijuga Municipality, Udaypur for the implementation of the project.

ULFA camps in Nepal

2577. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ULFA has again set up camps in Nepal following operation All clear in Bhutan;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Nepal Maoists are sharing these camps with ULFA;